Persons run over by New Delhi-Guwahati Rajdhani Express

253. SHRIMATI KAMALA SINHA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of persons were run over by the New Delhi-Guwahati Rajdhani Express at Punarakh in Bihar sometime in the second week of January, 2000;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof, stating the outcome of the inquiry conducted into the mishap; and

(c) what action has been taken by Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Twenty persons were run over (11 killed and 9 injured) by the New Delhi-Guwahati Rajdhani Express at Punarakh in Bihar on 09.01.2000. An inquiry by Railway officers of Junior Administrative Grade has been ordered. The report is awaited.

Safety aspects in Railways

254. SHRI SOLIPETA RAMACHANDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether safety aspects in Railways have been reviewed;

(b) if so, the results thereof; and